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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

CLASSIFICATION

The present invention relates to a ~~new Rosaceae plant~~ Rosa hybrida.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new plant has the varietal denomination 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose of the genus *Rosaceae* which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its dark ~~orange~~-red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety onto 'Dr. Huey' rootstock as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

1 The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the
flowers and foliage of the new variety depicted in color as
nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a
color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

1 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded
plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance
with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The
terminology used in color description herein refers to plate
5 numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression
may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural
conditions.

 The following observations are made of specimens grown
outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November
10 budded on 'DR. HUEY' understock.

PLANT

Form: Upright

Growth: Very vigorous

15 Size: Height about 5 feet; width
about 3 feet

Foliage

20 Size: Terminal leaflet length
about 3 inches; width about
1 1/2 inches

Quantity: Usually 5 leaflet leaves,
25 ~~occasional 7 leaflet leaves~~

Color

New foliage: Upper side near 146B; under
side near 182C

30 Mature Upper side near 147A; under
foliage: side near 147C

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	Shape:	Elliptic
1	Texture	Upper side smooth, semi-glossy; under side matte
	Edge:	Serrated
5	Serration:	Serrate
	Petioles:	Top surface color near 146B; Under side near 147C
10	Stipules:	Medium
	Auricle:	Small, slightly serrated
	Rachis:	Smooth
	WOOD	
15	New shoots	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 46A
20	Old wood	
	Bark:	Smooth
	Wood:	Near 137C
25	Flowering stem:	Length about 18 inches
	Winter Hardiness:	Completely winter hardy
	Resistance to Disease:	Fair -Average
30	Preferred growing conditions:	Full sun

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	Growth habit:	Upright
1	Leaves per stem:	About 7
	Prickles/Thorns:	<u>Triangle shaped thorns, 1/2</u> <u>inch high, 5/8 inches at</u> <u>base, color close to</u> <u>20D</u> Dorsal shape, 1/4 to 3/16 inch length, near 145A
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FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE		
10	Blooming Habit:	Continuous
	Bud	About 1 1/2 inches long, 1 3/8 inches wide
	Form:	High centered
15	Color:	Before sepals divide color near 46B; when sepals first divide color near 47B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 47D
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	Sepals:	Usually 5 per bloom, length about 1 inch, width about 1/8 <u>1/2 inch tapering down to 1/8</u> <u>inch, top and bottom color</u> near 143A, usually about 3 extensions (top), 143c <u>(bottom)</u>
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	Size:	Length in relation to bud about 1 3/8 inches
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	Color	Topside near 158A; bottom

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near 147B

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Peduncle

Length:

About 4 1/2 inches, smooth

Strength:

Erect

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Color:

Near 139D

Flower

Size:

About 5 2/3 inches

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Borne:

Single

Form:

Very high centered

Petalage:

About 42

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Petaloids in center:

Few; between 3 to 4, color
near 57A

Persistence:

Petals do not drop

Fragrance:

Medium

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Lasting Quality:

About 3 weeks on plant; about
7 days after cutting

Color

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During first 2 days:

Inner petals at flower center
topside near 46C; bottom near
46D; outer petals topside
near 47D, bottom near 48C

Base of petals

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(Point of attachment):

Near 2A

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	distance:	Near 57B <u>53C</u>
1	Color Change:	Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A
	Petals	
5	Texture:	Thick
	Shape:	Oblong, 1 3/4 inch <u>widelong</u> , 1 1/2 inch <u>longwide</u>
10	Arrangement:	Imbricated
	Appearance:	Velvety front, satiny back
	REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS	
15	Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:	Regularly arranged around styles, usually about 110 anthers and filaments
20	Color:	Filaments near 48A; Anthers near 48C
	Pollen:	No pollen
	Styles:	Medium length; color near 47C
25	Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries	
	Shape:	Round
	Size:	Small; about 1/2 inch
	Color:	Near 140A
30	Seeds:	No seeds

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I CLAIM:

1 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant of the variety
substantially as shown and described.

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ABSTRACT

1 A new and distinct Hybrid Tea Rose plant variety with dark
~~orange-red~~ flowers.

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